

**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT
GRAND STAIRCASE-ESCALANTE NATIONAL MONUMENT
ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

CHARTER

- 1. COMMITTEE'S OFFICIAL DESIGNATION:** Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument (Monument) Advisory Committee (Committee).
- 2. AUTHORITY:** The Committee is established under the authority of Section 309 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, as amended (43 U.S.C. 1739), to advise the Secretary of the Interior (Secretary) regarding: (1) the Monument established in Presidential Proclamation 6920, and (2) the Record of Decision approving the Monument Management Plan (Plan) signed by the Secretary of the Interior in November 1999. The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is subject to standards and procedures for the creation, operation, and termination of BLM resource advisory committees. Refer to the 1995 amended BLM regulations (43 C.F.R. 1784) for specific regulations regarding composition (1784.6-1(c)); avoidance of conflicts of interest (1784.2-2); calls for nominations (1784.6-1(e)); notice of meetings (1784.4-2); open meetings (1784.4-3); records (1784.5-3); and course of instruction for members (1784.6-1(f)). The Committee is established in accordance with the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), as amended, 5 U.S.C. App.
- 3. OBJECTIVES AND SCOPE OF ACTIVITIES:** The Committee will serve in an advisory capacity concerning science and management issues and the achievement of objectives set forth in the 1999 Plan. The monument manager will evaluate all Committee recommendations.
- 4. DESCRIPTION OF DUTIES:** Committee duties and responsibilities are as follows:
 - a. Generally, to develop recommendations for the Monument on issues pertaining to science and other management issues, and the achievement of objectives set forth in the Plan, through the use of available resources, including its members' personal knowledge and experience, published and unpublished information from the scientific community, and discussions with Monument staff.
 - b. Specifically, the Committee may be requested by the DFO to:
 - (i) gather and analyze information, conduct studies and field examinations, seek public input, or ascertain facts to develop recommendations concerning the use and management of the Monument;
 - (ii) review evaluation reports produced by the Monument Science Team and make recommendations on protocols and projects to achieve overall objectives (these evaluations will be completed pursuant to the Monument's Adaptive Management Program);

(iii) compile monitoring data and assess and advise the DFO of the extent to which the Plan objectives are being met;

(iv) review appropriate research proposals and make recommendations on project necessity and validity;

(v) make recommendations regarding allocation of research funds through review of research and project proposals as well as needs identified through the evaluation process;

(vi) consult and make recommendations on issues such as protocols for specific projects, e.g., vegetation restoration methods or standards for excavation and curation of artifacts and objects; and/or

(vii) prepare an annual report summarizing the Committee's activities and accomplishments of the past year, and make recommendations for future needs and activities.

5. **AGENCY OR OFFICIAL TO WHOM THE COMMITTEE REPORTS:** The Committee provides representative citizen counsel and advice to the Secretary through the BLM's Designated Federal Officer (DFO).
6. **SUPPORT:** Administrative support and funding for activities of the Committee will be provided by the Bureau of Land Management, Office of the DFO.
7. **ESTIMATED ANNUAL OPERATING COSTS AND STAFF YEARS:** Activities of the Committee will require an estimated \$20,000, which includes 0.40 years or 4.8 months of Federal staff support.
8. **DESIGNATED FEDERAL OFFICER:** The Committee reports to the Secretary or designee through the DFO who is a full-time or permanent part-time employee. The DFO to whom the Committee reports is the Monument manager. The DFO or the DFO designee or alternate DFO(s) will approve or call all of the Committee and subcommittee meetings, prepare and approve all meeting agendas, attend all Committee and subcommittee meetings, adjourn any meeting when the DFO determines adjournment to be in the public interest, and chair meetings when directed to do so by the official to whom the Committee reports.
9. **ESTIMATED NUMBER AND FREQUENCY OF MEETINGS:** The Committee will meet approximately one to four times annually.
10. **DURATION:** Although the charter is current for only 2 years, the period of time necessary for the Committee to carry out its purposes is continuing.
11. **TERMINATION:** The Committee's charter will expire 2 years from the date the charter is filed, unless, prior to that date, it is rechartered by the Secretary in accordance with the provisions of Section 14(b) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), as amended, 5 U.S.C. App. The Committee shall not meet or perform any functions without a current charter.

12. MEMBERSHIP AND DESIGNATION: The Committee will be comprised of 15 members who shall be appointed by the Secretary to serve 3-year terms. To achieve a fairly balanced membership, the Committee will be composed of the membership designated below.

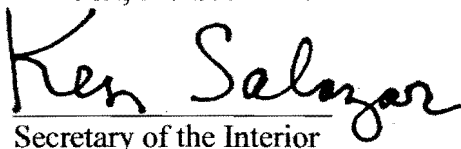
a. Eight members will be appointed as follows, one from each of the categories listed below:

- (i) an elected official from Garfield County, to represent the interests of county residents;
- (ii) an elected official from Kane County, to represent the interests of county residents;
- (iii) a representative of state government;
- (iv) a representative of tribal government;
- (v) an educator, to represent the educational community;
- (vi) a representative of the environmental community;
- (vii) an outfitter and guide operating within the Monument, to represent commercial recreational users; and
- (viii) a livestock grazing permittee operating within the Monument to represent grazing permittees.

b. Seven members will be appointed as special government employees, one for each of the following areas of expertise:

- (i) archeology;
- (ii) botany;
- (iii) geology;
- (iv) paleontology;
- (v) social science;
- (vi) systems ecology; and
- (vii) wildlife biology.

13. **SUBCOMMITTEES:** Subject to the DFO's approval, the Committee may form, by motion, subcommittees to provide input necessary to the successful functioning of the Committee. Input by subcommittees will be presented directly to the Committee for its deliberation and consideration.
14. **ETHICS RESPONSIBILITIES OF MEMBERS:** No Council or subcommittee member shall participate in any specific party matter including a lease, license, permit, contract, claim, agreement, or related litigation with the Department in which the member has a direct financial interest. As provided in 43 CFR 1784.2-2, members of the Council shall be required to disclose their direct or indirect interest in leases, licenses, permits, contracts, or claims that involve lands or resources administered by the BLM, or in any litigation related thereto.
15. **RECORDKEEPING:** The Records of the Committee, formal and informal subcommittees or other subgroups of the committee, shall be handled in accordance with General Records Schedule 26, Item 2, or other approved agency records disposition schedule. These records shall be available for public inspection and copying, subject to the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. 552.


Secretary of the Interior

JAN 21 2010
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